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For Teachers

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is
ever wasted." — Aesop, Greek fabulist

**Check out these great lesson plans
and resources about Caring!**

[UEN.org/utahlink/activities_view_activity.cgi?
activity_id=5399](http://UEN.org/utahlink/activities_view_activity.cgi?activity_id=5399)

[ACTSOFKINDNESS.org/file_uploads/
files/208_pdf.pdf](http://ACTSOFKINDNESS.org/file_uploads/files/208_pdf.pdf)

ACTSOFKINDNESS.org/classroom/plans/

CCMIDSHORE.org/pillars/activities_caring.html

[CHARACTERCOUNTS.org/pdf/Exercising-
Character/Exer-Char_teens-caring.pdf](http://CHARACTERCOUNTS.org/pdf/Exercising-Character/Exer-Char_teens-caring.pdf)

**Grand Canyon State Games
12th Annual Essay Contest!**

GCSG.org/events/essay_contest/index.html

For Parents

Feel free to **cut and paste** the following
excerpt from "What's A Parent to Do?" by
Peggy Adkins to share with parents...

Caring is being kind, helpful and
generous to everyone. Caring people are
not selfish; they are considerate and
always think about how their conduct
affects others. They have compassion
and empathy; they care how others feel
and they are charitable and forgiving.
They do good deeds without thought of
reward.

Help your family show caring:

- Be kind
- Live by the Golden Rule: treat others
the way you want them to treat you.
- Select good deeds to do
anonymously during the week.
- Have a family hug now and then!

FREE copies of "What's A Parent to Do?"
can be ordered at

www.ade.az.gov/charactered

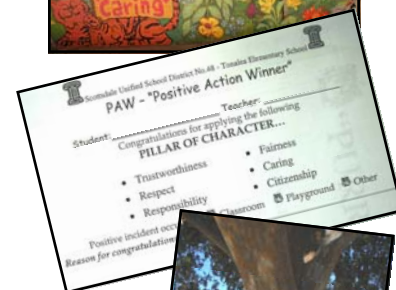
What a T.R.R.F.C.C. School!

Tonalea Elementary is one of 20 elementary schools in the Scottsdale Unified School District. The past 3 years Tonalea students, staff, parents and community members have made extraordinary efforts to promote character on campus. 2 years ago Tonalea was fortunate to receive the Artist in Residence program on campus. Through the Artist in Residence program all 600 Tonalea students, levels K-6, participated in the painting of 2 murals on the walls of the school. The murals were created and drawn in a prime location where all that visit, work, or attend Tonalea can remember to always show good character!

Additionally, this year Tonalea has adopted a Paw and Purrr award positive reinforcement program for students and classes that show outstanding character! The staff at Tonalea worked together to develop this outstanding program and it has been extremely effective! The students, staff and parents have embraced the awards system and are excited to receive the Paw and/or Purrr awards.

Kim McQuown
Tonalea Teacher

Tonalea Elementary



Want to be featured as a T.R.R.F.C.C. school? Tell us what your school is doing
to promote good character. Email us at charactered@azed.gov.

Tonalea student Alexandra Hernandez read
her essay titled "My Hero of Character" at
the Character Celebration on Nov. 15th!

**Designate your
School Tax-Credit to
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programs!**

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education efforts at the
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to \$200 and married
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**Visit [www.azed.gov/
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more information.**

Foundations for Life

**Arizona and National
Essay Writing
Competition**

**Give your students an
opportunity to reflect
upon, express and
commit to good character
with the possibility of
earning scholarship
awards!**

Visit

**ade.az.gov/charactered
for complete contest
instructions and rules!**

Gift Certificates courtesy of
APS are awarded to Arizona
Winners!

**Submission Deadline:
January 31, 2007.**



**Character Challenge
6K Run / Walk**

March 4, 2007

**Visit
azcharacteredfoundation.org
to Register!**

Smart & Good High Schools

Dr. Thomas Lickona and Dr. Matt Davidson

Who: Middle School and High School Educators, Coaches and
Athletic Directors

Where: Black Canyon Conference Center 9440 N. 25th Avenue,
Phoenix 85021

When: January 23, 2007 - 8:00 am-3:30 pm

Cost: \$75 before December 22, 2006; \$85 after December 22, 2006

Registration: Visit www.azed.gov, click on Calendar of Events, then click on January 23, 2007.

In this practical, high-energy workshop, Lickona and Davidson will present the core ideas of their
acclaimed study of 24 award-winning high schools, presenting a new paradigm of character education:
the integration of excellence and ethics.

You'll hear how award-winning high schools:

- teach good work habits and increase achievement motivation
- foster genuine academic excellence, not just high grades and test scores
- decrease discipline problems and peer cruelty
- develop strong social and emotional skills
- reduce cheating and promote integrity
- develop contributing community members and democratic citizens

See the groundbreaking report at www.cortland.edu/character/highschools/chapters/SnGReport.pdf



Character Celebration 2006!

On Wednesday, November 15th over 900 Arizona 1st - 12th graders participated
in Character Celebration Day 2006 at the PERA Club in Tempe. This annual event
serves as a special day to recognize students of great character with outdoor
games, leadership activities, guest speakers, magicians, clowns and more!



Sponsored by the Arizona Character Education
Foundation, Arizona Department of Education
and several Valley businesses, students and staff have
been invited to participate in the food and fun every
year since 2001. This year, 4 students were chosen to
read their essays titled "My Hero of Character" in
which they describe a person in their lives that
exhibit one or more of the Six Pillars of Character sm;
trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness,
caring and citizenship. Our sincerest appreciation to
the many teachers, students, volunteers and
businesses that helped make this year's Celebration a success!



*Granville 3rd Grader
Kurt Williams, his dad
Mike and Former
Arizona Cardinal
Bernard Wilson. Kurt
read an essay about his
Hero of Character...his
dad.*

CHARACTER IN ACTION!

Our class has a club called SHOW Club (Students Helping
Others through Work). This is a service club that helps
students learn work and money skills. We usually work football
games selling concessions. The money we earn from that we
use to adopt families at the holidays. This year is the first year
we have volunteered outside of Carson Jr. High. The students
get a chance to help others and learn about different job skills.
**The students really enjoyed our service project at the food
bank and can't wait to do another!**

I really want the students to learn that part of being an adult is
helping others in your community. Often students in special
education classes don't feel that they have the power to do
very much. **Service learning provides them with the
opportunity to positively affect the world, to leave it a little
bit better than they found it and feel good about
themselves.**

*Patti Reckell
Special Education Teacher
Carson Jr. High School*



Carson Jr. High students Julio Chavez,
Jonathan Martinez, William Pallacios,
Ryan Scott, Brandon Willoughby,
Juan Bustamante and Ms. Reckell!

**Tell us what YOUR STUDENTS
are doing to serve their community!
Email us at charactered@azed.gov.**